

# LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting

**THURSDAY, June 18, 2009 – 7 P.M.**

Oconomowoc City Hall B Conference Room

*“The LLBMD seeks to promote environmentally conscious and fiscally responsible decisions by providing education, enhancing a healthy lake ecosystem and ensuring safe use of Lac LaBelle for today and tomorrow.”*

## Agenda

### 1. Call to Order

P. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call of Commissioners

#### Present

Paul Carpenter

Jan Husak (exited 8:07 p.m.)

Julie Larsen

Ryan Myhre (entered 7:10 p.m.)

#### Absent

David Falstad

Sally Keefe

Richard Paul

#### Also Present

Bob & Lisa Conley

Ellen Gennrich

### 3. Comments from the Floor

Bob Conley – Discussed parcels of land going up for sale by the State and asked if they would be valuable to the District. P. Carpenter explained that there were three pieces of property, one of which appears to be of interest to the District. B. Conley felt that the other properties would also be prime in terms of the watershed.

Lisa Conley – Reported that the Seiki disk readings were much clearer this spring than ever before. This may be due to the cooler weather and the slow growth of algae. J. Larsen also attributed this to less boat traffic this year.

### 4. Correspondence

Various fax, emails, mail items regarding Goose Opt-In forms

6/17/09 – Scott Williams, Journal Sentinel – regarding Land Acquisition Presentation

Emails from J. Larsen regarding Shoreland Grants

Letter from the Rock River Coalition regarding membership (L. Conley explained the Rock River Coalition's function)

5. Approval of Minutes – May 21, 2009 & June 9, 2009

**R. Myhre motioned to approve the May 21, 2009 minutes as presented. J. Larsen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

J. Larsen requested that it be noted in the June 9, 2009 minutes that the Baker property did not need biologists.

**R. Myhre motioned to approve the June 9, 2009 minutes with the addition being made that the Baker property did not need biologists. J. Husak seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was distributed to the Commissioners. R. Myhre reported that a transfer of funds from the Money Market account to the checking account was made to cover expenses.

**R. Myhre motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. J. Larsen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

7. Payment Authorizations

J. Larsen noted that the bill from Schober, Schober & Mitchell was discounted.

**J. Husak motioned to approve payment of the bills. J. Larsen seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

8. Website Updates

P. Carpenter had several conversations with F. Wilke regarding the website. Tushous, the current website host, has been contacted but has not responded to calls placed by F. Wilke. The website will be moved to a new website host, Mulehill Networks, LLC, as soon as possible. The domain registration will be handled by Mulehill. F. Wilke will keep P. Carpenter informed of progress.

9. Presentation & General Discussion on Land Acquisition by Ellen Gennrich from the Waukesha Land Conservancy

It was stated that part of the desire of the LLBMD was to understand where this body can make an impact. E. Gennrich stated that the Waukesha Land Conservancy (the “Conservancy”) is holding \$5,000 of the Lac LaBelle Foundation funds. The purpose of the Lac LaBelle Foundation (the “Foundation”) is environmental quality. The Foundation was formed to have a non-profit partner to handle land negotiations and acquisitions. If the Foundation holds land, they must keep it in conservancy. L. Conley stated, “It is a sure way to hang on to it for the purpose for which it was bought.” If the Foundation was dissolved, the land must be given to another non-profit with a similar mission. General discussion took place regarding various lands near the lake.

J. Larsen stated that there are properties in the area that could be of interest to LLBMD that may come up for sale. She inquired as to the process that the Conservancy uses to identify/acquire lands. E. Gennrich responded that their mission is the preserve environmentally significant land in Waukesha County. Various plans are used to determine if Stewardship or Lake Protection funds can be used. The Conservancy does not negotiate in public. She outlined the following:

- a) Pick areas that are key; identify criteria
- b) Find parcels to fit the criteria
- c) Send out a mailing stating who you are and what you do (LLBMD may want to consider having the Foundation do this).
  - a. Ask the recipient to consider selling or donating the land. The newspapers could also be notified about the letters to property owners. Encourage the donation of land or at least obtain a conservation easement.
- d) After determining whether the property is feasible, the DNR is contacted.
- e) Try to get a price prior to the appraisal
- f) The stewardship application is not written until the offer is signed.

Appraisal procedures were discussed. E. Gennerich noted that Rick Larkin is a good appraiser to use for this. She also felt that it would be to the benefit of LLBMD to keep the Foundation going and encouraged the use of using a non-profit to handle land acquisition.

Documents regarding land trusts, conservation easements, and donations were given to the Commissioners.

10. Update, Discuss & Act on Shoreland Grants

J. Larsen reported that the Schicks are already working with Lisa Reas on the design. L. Reas has been asked to keep LLBMD’s portion to no more than \$1,700.

The Baker’s are excited about the project.

L. Conley tried to talk to B. Swendson about the Schonath property, and J. Larsen emailed the code enforcer, but no response has been received. It appears that a Conditional Use Permit will be required for the property at a cost of \$500. Although J. Larsen didn't think that the fee should be required, the Schonath's will pay the fee. B. Conley will speak to G. Stumpf in the Village of Lac LaBelle. Plans will be obtained from L. Reas for the Plan Commission meeting on July 1, 2009.

**R. Myhre motioned to authorize J. Larsen to write a letter to the Village outlining the project's benefits to the lake and general goals. P. Carpenter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

11. Update on CarpFest Results

P. Carpenter reported that 648 fish were caught with the largest weighing 25.6 pounds and the second largest being 21 pounds. The youngest participant was 10 years old and the oldest was 73 years old. The DNR had been out on the lake previous to CarpFest and marked 1,200 carp. Six percent of the carp caught during CarpFest had been marked by the DNR. Results will be posted on the web and checks will be sent out to the winners as soon as possible.

12. Update on Goose-Roundup

The goose round-up will take place on July 1, 2009.

13. Update on Slow-No-Wake at Times of High Water Ordinance

J. Husak reported that the Town of Oconomowoc Town Board adopted Ordinance No. 2009-1 "An Ordinance Amending §20.02(4)(a)1. Of the General Code of ordinances of the Town of Oconomowoc Relating to the definition of high water on Lac LaBelle" – High water levels can be declared by the Mayor of Oconomowoc, Town of Oconomowoc Chairman, or Village of Lac LaBelle President. J. Larsen thought that this ordinance read somewhat differently than that of the City of Oconomowoc's. J. Husak will consult with Attorney Chapman's office to determine the differences and will report back at the next meeting.

Although the Town has talked about visual notification, no actions have been taken. P. Carpenter inquired if the Army Corp of Engineers should be contacted for their input. L. Conley thought that C. Wilson of the OLMD was trying to get a study done by SEWRPC in regards to high water.

It was not known if the Village of Lac LaBelle had passed an ordinance.

14. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will take place on July 16, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the City of Oconomowoc City Hall.

15. Agenda for Next Meeting

Discuss & Act on Setting the Annual Meeting Date  
Update on Goose-Roundup  
Update, Discuss & Act on Shoreland Grants  
Update on Slow-No-Wake at Times of High Water Ordinance

16. Adjournment

**R. Myhre motioned to adjourn from the meeting. P. Carpenter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.